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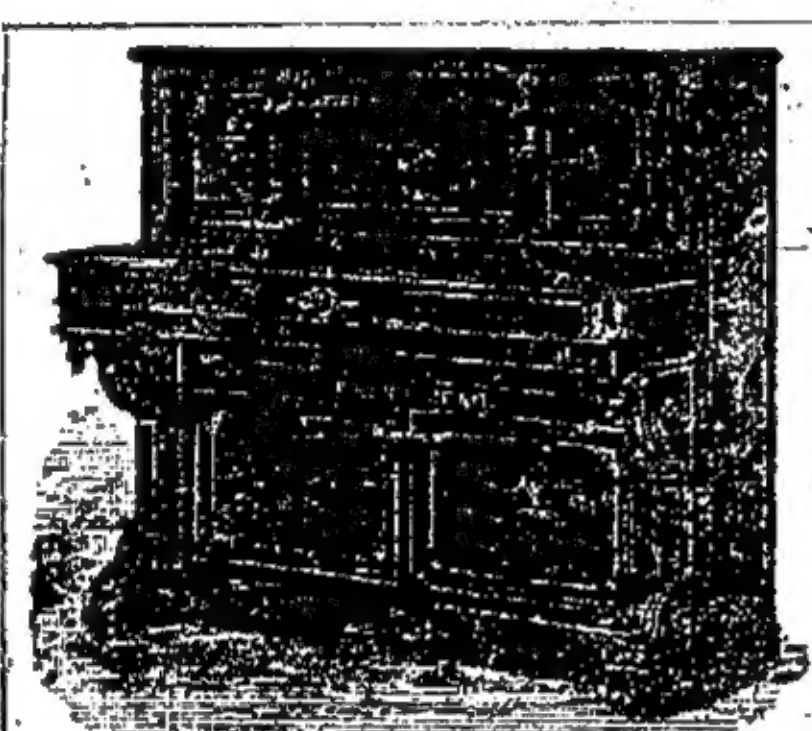
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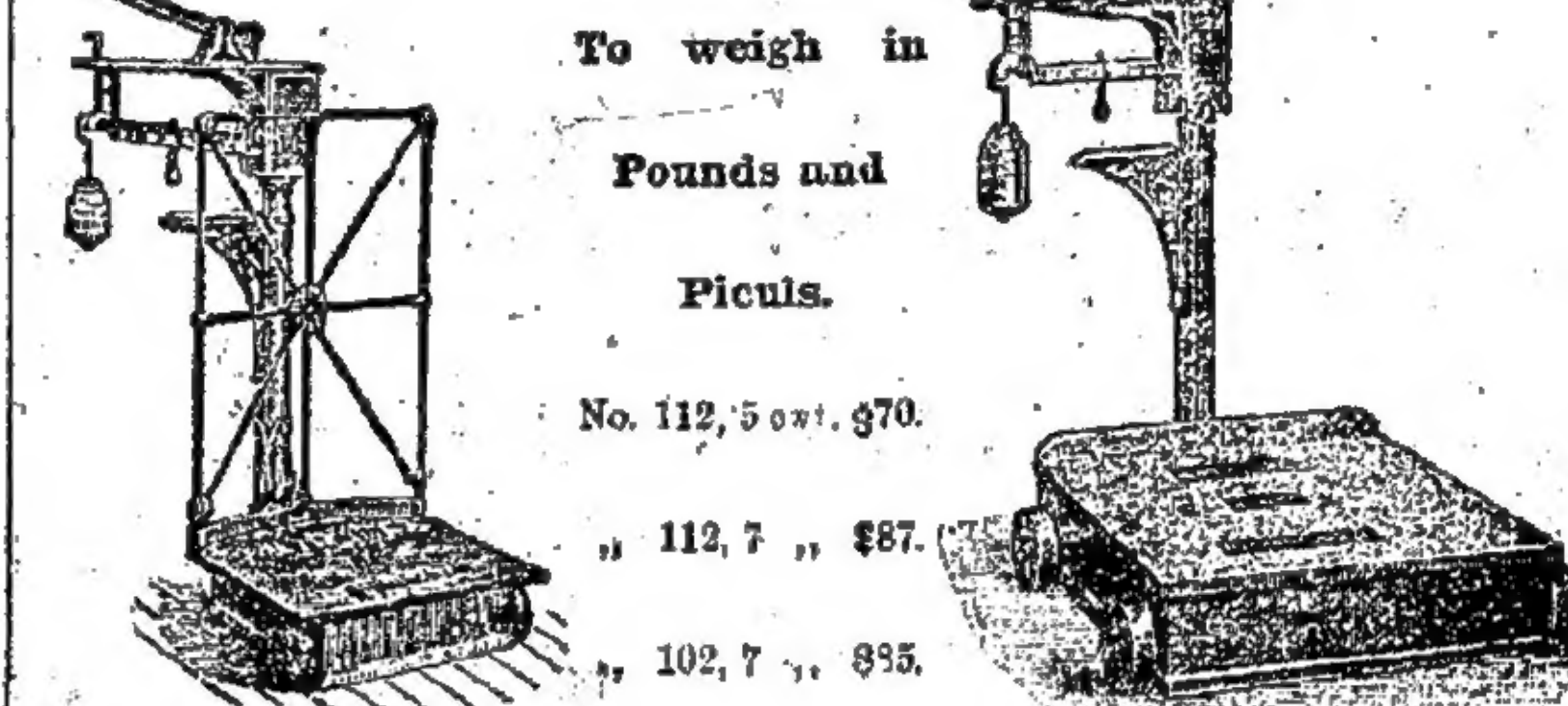
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Approved:  
J. F. SOHOENICKS,  
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O. J. PRICE,  
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Overlook House,  
Klingchow, 28th December, 1897. 83

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

DURING my Temporary Absence from  
the Colony, Mr. Y. SHIGAKI will  
take CHARGE of this Office.

By Order,  
A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, January 4, 1898. 26

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in Our  
FIRM of Mr. S. C. MICHAELSEN,  
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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1898. 5

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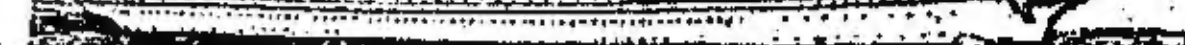






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<b>YAMAGUCHI MARU,</b> S. KAWAMURO,	<b>SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and</b> <b>BOMBAY.</b>	<b>TUESDAY, 25th</b> <b>Jan.,</b> at Noon.
<b>KAGOSHIMA MARU,</b> W. THOMPSON,	<b>SEATTLE, Wash., U.S.A.,</b> Via KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	<b>THURSDAY, 27th</b> <b>Jan.,</b> at 4 p.m.
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